



**City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
Homeowner's Association Security Camera Grant Program 2020  
Expansion:  
Program Fact Sheet**

### **Background**

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes seeks to provide its residents with opportunities to further enhance community safety by strengthening neighborhood vigilance and security. Continuing efforts to improve public safety by following the City's Public Safety Strategic Plan and implementing the City Council's Goals, the City has expanded its Homeowners Association (HOA) Security Camera Grant Program (Program) to allow HOAs to purchase Flock Safety cameras to monitor vehicles on neighborhood streets.

Security cameras are proven deterrents and effective tools in crime prevention and crime-solving efforts. Flock Safety's mission is to eliminate non-violent crime. This is possible with crime-fighting technology that provides coverage for the entire neighborhood. When a crime occurs, Flock Safety automated license plate reading cameras give law enforcement the actionable evidence needed to solve crime.

### **Program Details**

For each neighborhood that chooses to participate with this program, the City will provide a 50% match for each Flock Safety Sparrow Camera, not to exceed \$1,000 per camera per year the program is active. The grant will cover the expense of half the annual camera lease cost, at approved neighborhood entrance location(s). An HOA may choose to purchase more than one camera to place in different approved locations.

Additionally, the City will waive permit fees related to encroachments into the public right-of-way for the purposes of installing a Flock Safety camera and pole. Although the fees will be waived, appropriate documents and items must be submitted prior to the issuance of an encroachment permit. The checklist can be found on the City Website:

[Encroachment Permit Checklist](#)

**Please be aware that the City has a special partnership with Flock Safety and that this grant program must be initiated with staff first. The City has a dedicated Flock Safety representative (Paul Park) specifically for this program.**

### **Eligibility**

All formal Homeowners Association organizations (HOAs) within the City of Rancho Palos Verdes are eligible to apply for the grant program. Interested HOAs are required to follow the City's application process. **Due to the limited amount of funding available, participation will be on a first-come, first-served basis.**

The City has announced that applications will be accepted starting on **Tuesday, September 29, 2020**. The City has provided a checklist of necessary documents on the [City website](#). Applications may close at any time as they will be accepted only until the budget limit has been reached.

### **Distinction of Responsibilities**

The HOA is the primary signatory of the leased cameras and holds responsibility to purchase the Flock Safety cameras. Any recordings or data provided through the Flock Safety Service belongs to the HOA and administrators of the Flock Safety network. Flock Safety remains the owner of the camera and its components. The City will reimburse the HOA 50% of the cost of the annual camera lease, not to exceed \$1,000, which applies only to the camera, and will provide administrative assistance.

The HOAs would be the primary network administrator for camera access and footage. As a part of this program, the HOAs agree to provide administrative access to the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, or City designee, and to the Lomita Sheriff's Station.

### **How to Apply**

The application form will be available on the City Website (<https://rpvca.gov/1329/Flock-Safety-Grant-Program>), and can also be received via email. In order to best support HOAs and streamline the process, Staff is readily available to answer any questions and provide assistance during the application process. To submit an application, please email Shane Lee, Administrative Analyst, at [slee@rpvca.gov](mailto:slee@rpvca.gov).

### **Flock Safety Camera: Camera Information**

24-hour wireless Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) camera that captures a vehicle's license plates, vehicle make, model, and color day and night from up to 75 feet away and at 75 mph.

Flock Safety Cameras capture high resolution images and operate on a cloud-based system so footage is automatically stored on the cloud, and accessible remotely. Footage can be accessed by credentialed administrators to download or share. Cameras are either solar- or DC- powered, with additional costs for the DC-powered because of the requirements of a nearby power source and monthly electricity cost.

Annual Subscription Includes:

- Camera hardware and software
- Installation
- Solar or DC-powered
- Maintenance
- Cloud Storage
- Cellular Connectivity
- Ongoing Software Enhancements
- Unlimited User Licenses
- Hotlist Integration & Alerts to Law Enforcement
- Dedicated Community Affairs Customer Support

For more details, please visit the [City website](#) to review the Flock Safety Camera Information Sheet. This can also be obtained by emailing Shane Lee, Administrative Analyst in the City Manager's Office, at [slee@rpvca.gov](mailto:slee@rpvca.gov) or calling (310) 544-5305.